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SUBJECT: BISHOP MUZEREW A

FOLLOWING INFORMATION GIVEN CONSULAR OFFICER NOV 12 BY AMCIT
METHODIST MISSIONARY RESIDENT SALISBURY:

1. BISHOP MUZOREWA RECENTLY AWARDED ONE OF SIX UN PRIZES FOR
OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENTS IN FIELD OF HUMAN RIGHTS. AWARD CEREMONY
SCHEDULED NEW YORK DEC 10. UPON RECEIPT OF UN LETTER OF INVITATION
TO ATTEND AWARD CEREMONY, MUZOREWA ASKED RHODESIAN GOVT RETURN
HIS PASSPORT CONFISCATED BY GOVT SEPT 1972. RHODESIAN REPLY STILL
PENDING BUT BISHOP JUDGES RETURN HIS PASSPORT UNLIKELY BECAUSE
SMITH BELIEVES IF BISHOP ALLOWED OUT OF RHODESIA HE WOULD
CRITICIZE REGIME.

2. TIMING AWARD CEREMONY POSES SOME DIFFICULTY FOR MUZOREWA
SINCE CHURCH MISSION BOARD MEETING SCHEDULED RHODESIA DEC 11-14
FOLLOWED BY ANC CONGRESS DEC 15.

3. IN OPINION OF SOURCE, SMITH WILL PROBABLY USE DEPARTURE FROM
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RHODESIA (CONTROL) AMENDMENT ACT AS JUSTIFICATION REFUSAL RETURN

PASSPORT. UNLIKELY MUZOREWA WILL ATTEMPT DEPART RHODESIA ILLEGALLY
ALTHOUGH REV. BANANA, ANC DEPUTY, MANAGED TO DO SO EARLIER THIS
YEAR.

4. COMMENT: SMITH REGIME FAILED RETURN BISHOP'S PASSPORT TO
PERMIT HIM ATTEND MALAWI CONGRESS PARTY CONVENTION IN SEPT OR
OPENING OF MALAWI PARLIAMENT IN OCT AT INVITATION GOM.
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